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Appl. No. 10/600,180 Atty. Docket No. 8980R2 Arndt, dated 20 January 2005 Reply to Office Action of 25 August 2005

# IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No.

Customer No. 27752

10/600,180

Applicant(s)

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Title

Antimicrobial Compositions, Products And Methods

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Examiner

Necholus Ogden, Jr.

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## AMENDMENT AFTER 1<sup>ST</sup> OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 CFR §1,111(c)

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P. O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

#### INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

In response to the Office Action of 25 August 2004, the time for response being extended by one (2) months, pursuant to the fee charged to the Assignee's Deposit Account in the papers submitted herewith, please amend the above-identified application as follows, and consider the following remarks and reconsider the application.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.

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### **Double Patenting**

The Office Action states that claims 1 to 37 are provisionally rejected under 35 USC 101 as claiming the same invention as that of claims 1-39 and 1-47 of co-pending Application Serial Numbers 09/177,445 and 10/263,211, respectively. The Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is a continuation-in-part of Application Serial Number 09/177,445 and a family member of Application Serial Number 10/263,211. The Applicants shall file a terminal disclaimer in the present case to obviate this rejection upon notification of allowable subject matter in the present application. Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully request a stay of this rejection until such time.

#### Conclusion

In light of the above remarks, it is requested that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the rejection under under 35 USC 103(a). Early and favorable action in the case is respectfully requested.

Applicants have made an earnest effort to place their application in proper form and to distinguish the invention as now claimed from the applied references. In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application, entry of the amendments presented herein, and allowance of Claims 2-41

Respectfully submitted,

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